ALASKA NATIVE/NATIVE HAWAIIAN INSTITUTIONS **ASSISTING** COMMUNITIES (AN/NHIAC) PROGRAM

Purpose of the Program

To assist Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian Institutions of higher education expand their role and effectiveness in addressing community development needs in their localities, including neighborhood revitalization, housing and economic development, primarily for persons of low-moderate-income.

Eligible Applicants

Accredited nonprofit Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Institutions of higher education that meet the definition of Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Institutions as determined by the U.S. Department of Education.

Award Information

- In FY 06, approximately \$3.2 million has been made available for award.
- The maximum amount an applicant can request for award is \$800,000 for a three-year (36 months) grant performance period.

Major Modifications in the FY 2006 Program Announcement

- Commitment letters, memoranda of understanding and/or agreements are not required at the time of application submission but must be on file.
- Applicants selected for award will be required to submit the signed commitment letters, memoranda of understanding ant/or agreement outlined in the application, within twenty (20) calendar days after initial contact from the Office of University Partnerships.

Major Modifications in the FY 2006 Program Announcement (con't)

 Applicants submitting electronic applications must attach their narrative responses to Rating Factors 1-5 as one attachment.

PLEASE DO NOT ATTACH YOUR RESPONSE TO EACH FACTOR SEPARATELY.

Major Modifications in the FY 2006 Program Announcement (con't)

- Paper application submissions must be received by HUD by the deadline date -- no 15-day grace period.
- Logic models are drop down lists; select items that reflect the activities and outcomes you plan to undertake and achieve.

Application Submission

 Electronic applications must be received and validated by Grants.gov by 11:59:59 PM (eastern time) on:

May 19, 2006

Please read the General Section
 of the SuperNOFA published
 January 20, 2006, for electronic
 submission and receipt requirements.

Factors for Award

- Factor 1 Capacity of the Applicant and Relevant Organizational Experience (25 Points)
 - Knowledge and Experience. For previously unfunded or first time applicants (25 Points). For Previously funded applicants (13 Points)
 - Past Performance (12 Points). For Previously funded applicants only.

Factors for Award (con't)

- Factor 2 Need/Extent of the Problem (10 Points)
- Factor 3 Soundness of Approach (44 points)
 - Quality of the work plan (37 Points)
 - Involvement of faculty and students (3 Points)
 - HUD policy priorities (2 Points)
 - Economic Opportunities for Low-and Very Low-Income Persons (2 Points)

Factors for Award (con't)

 Factor 4 – Leveraging Resources (9 Points)

 Factor 5 – Achieving Results and Program Evaluation (12 Points)

Application Format

- The narrative section of the application must not exceed 50 pages (excluding forms, budget narrative, assurances, and abstracts).
- The application must be doubled spaced on one side, with one inch margins from top to bottom, left to right and printed in standard 12 point font. Each page must include the applicant's name and should be numbered.

Additional Information

 Review threshold requirements as outlined in the the AN/NHIAC NOFA and the General Section of the SuperNOFA.

APPLICATIONS THAT DO NOT MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

 The RC/EZ/EC-II, described in the General Section does not apply to the AN/NHIAC program.

- Registration
 - Make sure you are registered. For general information and step-bystep instructions, call Grants.Gov Contact Center at 800-518-GRANTS (4726) or email <u>support@grants</u>.

- www.Grants.gov -- "Getting Started"
- Notice of Opportunity to Register Early for Electronic Submission of Grant Applications for HUD Funding Opportunities; Early Registration with Grants.gov
- Remember each year you must renew your registration.

 Applications submitted via Grants.gov, must go through a two step process before they can be received and validated:

1.Applicants will receive a confirmation notice from Grants.gov confirming that their application was received.

2. Applications must go through the validation process. This process takes 24 to 48 hours after the application is submitted.

Applications will not be accepted by HUD unless they have completed the validation process.

General Tips

- Read the NOFA carefully.
- Prepare application in accordance with the NOFA.
- Use the application checklist.
- Include DUNS Number on the SF-424.
- Address each factor carefully and fully.
 Do not repeat material in response to the five factors.

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